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### Happy Halloween

Halloween can be a scary time of year, but it's also a time for fun costumes and tasty treats! Scaring should always be good-natured and not pose any real threats.

Here's a scary statistic: Children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car on Halloween than on any other day of the year. Lack of visibility because of low lighting at night also plays a factor in these incidents.

The best Halloween is a safe Halloween. Here are some safety tips to make sure you and your loved ones have a safe trick-or-treating experience.

### When They're on the Prowl

Grab a flashlight. A cell phone is also a good idea if you have one. A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds. If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you. Agree on a specific time children should return home. Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car. Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends. Carry a white bag or pillowcase for your candy and add some reflective tape. Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home, and take care to avoid any food allergies.

### Safety Tips for Motorists

Watch for children walking on roadways, medians, and curbs. Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully. At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing. Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween.